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SUBJECT: SLAYING OF CIVIL GUARD CASTS SHADOW OVER AMNESTY'S
ABILITY TO BREAK BASQUE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

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1. ONE CIVIL GUARD WAS KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED, ONE OF THEM
GRAVELY, EARLY SUNDAY MORNING IN MONDRAGON, GUIPUZCOA, WHEN
APPARENT ETA TERRORISTS OPENED FIRE ON THE CAR IN WHICH
THE VICTIMS AND TWO OTHERS WERE RETURNING FROM ANIGHT CLUB. NO ONE
YET CLIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK, BUT AMCONSUL BILBAO
REPORTS THAT IT IS WIDELY ASSUMED THAT IT WAS PWRPETRATED BY
MEMBERS OF EAT'S MILITLY WING IN REPRISAL FOR THE MARCH 8
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KILLING OF TWO ETA MEMBERS AT A CIVIL GUARD ROAD BLOCK (MADRID
1778).

2. MEANWHILE AMCONSUL BAILBAO ADVISES THAT BASQUE RESPONSE TO
THE ANNOUNCED AMNESTU (REFTEL) HAS BEEN POSITIVE BUT HESITANT,
WITH MOST PREFERRING TO WAIT AND SEE EXACTLY HOW IT SPROVISIONS
WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AND HOW BROADLY THEY WILL BE APPLIED BEFORE

EMBRACING THE MEASURE. THE MONDRAGON SLAYING IS , OF COURSE,
PARTICULARLY WORRISOME AND COULD SEVERLY UNDERCUT THE AMNESTY'S
CAPACITY TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE.

3. SCATTERED PROTESTS PROMPTED BY THE SLAYING OF THE TWO ETA
MEMBERS CONTUIED YESTERDAY IN GUIPUZCOA, WITH THE MOST NOTE
WORTHLY MANIFESTATION TAKING PLACE WHEN A FEW THOUSAND PRO-
AMNESTY DEMONSTRATORS INTERRUPTED THE EUROPEAN INDOOR TRACK
CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SAN SEBASTIAN FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND THEN
CLASHED WITH POLICE AT VARIOUS POINTS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA.
THERE REPRTEDELY WERE NO SERIOUS INJURIES.EATON

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